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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KEIJI KOMOTO ET AL

Application No.: 09/987,490

Filed: November 15, 2001

For: IMAGE FORMING METHOD  
AND APPARATUS

Examiner: Janis L. Dote

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 C.F.R.

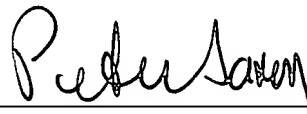
1.121 dated October 15, 2003, the Applicants respectfully resubmit the Request for Approval of Drawing Changes to Figures 2- 8, as shown in red on the attached sketch, enclosed in duplicate. These changes comprise designating Figure 8 as "Prior Art" and deleting reference numerals 310, 312b, 313a through 313f, 17, 17a, 21, 200, 35 and 5 in Figures 2- 8, respectively, in accordance with the request in the Office Action of March 4, 2003. Additionally, each replacement drawing sheet has been identified as "Replacement Sheet" and is accompanied by a corresponding annotated drawing sheet, identified as "Annotated Marked-Up Drawings."

The new drawing sheets incorporate the changes requested by the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of October 15, 2003 and by the Examiner in the Official Action of March 4, 2003.

A copy of this Request for Approval of Drawing Changes is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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